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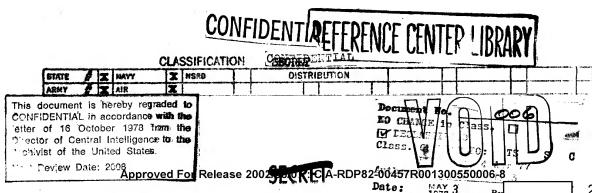
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on 2 January 1348, Lt. Col. Slavin of the SMA in Karlshorst, who had returned from loscow a few days previously, stated that it is his belief that Berlin will continue to be occupied and administered by all four powers jointly. The present syster has operated cassably well heretofore, and there seems to be no reason why it should not continue to do so. He feels that the five state secretariats which were agreed upon in Potsdam must be established for all of Garmany. He stated further that any currency reform which occurs will be unaform throughout thermany; the Russians will remove the block on accounts in their tone in order to make this possible.

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Comment: A Berlin journalist, number of the Nationalkonitee Freies Deutschland, recently expressed the opinion that the Russians should take over the responsibility for supply and administration of all Berlin, but that the Bilitary Government offices of the weatern powers were per actly welcome to remain in Berlin.)

Karlshorst does not know what the outcome of the present CDU situation will be, particularly since it is raced with a complete tack of property qualified candidates for the post of party chairman. Slavin expressed the opinion that the only real politicians to be found aming the present leaders of the CDU are Conrad Adenauer and Adreas Herme letter hemapparently regained favor in Russian eyes during the past few weeks. Although Hermes will not be considered for the position of party chairman in the Eastern Zone, he is regarded as a possible chaman for a united CDU in Germany. If he visits Berlin on 8 January according to plan, the Russians intend to receive him at Varishoust.



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